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FOR ATHERTON FROM BROWN

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SUBJECT: MARONITE MORALE

1. GHASSAN TUENI CROSSED LINE OTHER DAY TO ATTEND
FUNERAL OF GEMAYEL'S GRANDSON, KILLED ON THE BARRICADES.
SAID THAT MORALE OF THE MAROINTE TROOPS ON THE LINE IS
LOW AND BITTER COMMENTS BEING MADE ABOUT LEADERS.
BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS JUST TALKED TO NON-FIGHTING
MARONITE FRIEND IN ASHRAFIYEH WHO ECHOED THESE OBSERVATIONS
ON MORALE AND CRITICISM OF LEADERS. SAID COMMON QUESTION
ASKED BY YOUNG SOLDIERS WAS "WHEN ARE THE MARINES COMING
IN?"

2. I'LL HAVE FOR YOU ALITTLE LATER AN ANALYSIS OF
MARONITE THINKING.
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